

months this gang did 50 safe jobs in different towns of New England, and secured \$10,303. The operations of the band extended from Connecticut to Maine.

Dr. Thomas W. Keen of Danville, 65 years old and a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, dropped dead on the floor of the House Saturday just after making a speech. The House was at once in confusion and there was a rush to where the body lay. Four doctors, members of the body, soon reached him, and in a few moments an electric battery was brought in and a current applied without effect. Both houses of the Assembly immediately adjourned.

Rev. Joseph Cook on Sunday made an address before the American Temperance association in Chickering hall in which he said: "We are the most drunken race on the planet, and the palm for red noses should be awarded to Irish, Germans and Americans." To make the knowledge of alcoholic effects on the human system compulsory in schools was the way to take the bull by the horns. Mr. Cook had not lost all hope that the Republican party would yet lead a crusade against the liquor interest.

It is estimated that the cold snap in Florida destroyed 500,000 boxes of oranges worth \$1,000,000. Frost was reported almost at the extreme southern end of the peninsula. There is little doubt that substantially the entire orange crop remaining on the trees is frozen and spoiled. The precise effect of the freeze upon the trees cannot be determined until the warm weather sets in. Probably every tree in the State will lose its leaves, and it is believed that most of the young trees, except those protected, are killed. The gradual thaw under cloudy skies was very fortunate, however, and the old and matured trees, which have been relied on for producing the marketable crop of oranges, are probably not seriously hurt.

Miss Katherine Bayard, the eldest and favorite daughter of the secretary of state, died suddenly Saturday at Washington of heart disease. She assisted her father and mother at a reception till after midnight Friday and then went for a short time to another reception in the vicinity, returning between 1 and 2 o'clock much fatigued. She complained of feeling badly. She was to have assisted Miss Cleveland at her Saturday afternoon reception, and having made every preparation for it, retired, leaving word not to be called till the last moment. At 2 p. m. a servant entered her darkened room to awaken her and found her unconscious. Every remedy known to the family was applied, but when the family physician who lives near came, he pronounced her dead. Miss Bayard had been treated for 18 months for mitral disease of the heart, and had been repeatedly warned by doctors not to over-exert herself, as heart disease would sometime terminate her life.

A singular case of theft was reported to the mayor's office, Louisville, Ky., the other day by Mrs. Ross, a well-to-do lady, aged about 50 years, who lives in the country. She said that she was the owner of a lot at Fifteenth and Prentice streets, upon which, in April last, there was a substantial two-story brick house of eight rooms. That month the tenant occupying the house was ejected for non-payment of rent, and the property was not again rented. Being well advanced in years and living in the country, she had not visited her property since March. The house was then all right. A few days ago a man called on her and offered her \$5 for what brick remained on the lot. Mrs. Ross went there to investigate. To her great consternation she discovered, on visiting the property, that only a small pile of bricks remained of the large house she had owned, the building having been carried away, brick by brick, until almost the last vestige was gone. As yet there is no clue to this unprecedented robbery.

Charles Bertrand, a New York lawyer, aged 55, committed suicide Monday in a sensational manner. Bertrand has acted for two years past as counsel for Catherine Zeitz of Brooklyn who had litigation with her divorced husband, Charles Haft, about some property. Haft during the litigation had several times caused Bertrand to be arrested upon various charges. Mrs. Zeitz in all instances became surety for Bertrand until her liability on that score amounted to \$16,000. Mrs. Zeitz became convinced Monday that Bertrand meant to decamp and leave her to pay his bonds. She set out with an officer to find her counsel, had him arrested, and at the sheriff's office surrendered him up. Late in the afternoon an officer, with Bertrand in custody started for Raymond-street jail, Brooklyn. On the way the prisoner asked permission to get a sandwich in a saloon near the court-house, and while inside he passed to a closet and there shot himself through the heart, falling back dead into the arms of the officer who rushed to the spot.

FOREIGN.

There is great destitution among the people of the west of Ireland.

Montreal had the most destructive fire in its history on the morning of the 14th. The loss was half a million dollars.

A baronetcy has been conferred on Mr. Stephen, president of the Canadian Pacific railway.

The king of Bavaria lives in strict seclusion. He will not give verbal orders, but conveys his instructions in writing, and his attendants reply in like manner. The king absented himself from the gathering of the royal family at Christmas. It is hinted even in Bavarian court circles that his majesty is insane.

Seymour Bushe, the young barrister of Munster, Ire., who eloped November 2 with the wife of Gerald Richard Brooke of Dublin, has been mulcted in \$5000 in the suit brought against him.

The consul of the United States at Santiago de Cuba reports to the department of state the existence of large quantities of bat guano on the south coast of the island of Cuba. This guano is deposited in caves, one of which was visited by the consul and estimated to contain from 25,000 to 30,000 tons. The facilities for working these deposits are reported as excellent.

THE VERMONT ATWOOD MERINO SHEEP CLUB.

ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT VERGENNES WEDNESDAY.

This organization held its annual meeting at the Stevens House, Vergennes, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Among those present were Hon. Worthington C. Smith of St. Albans, Hon. R. J. Jones of Cornwall, Geo. Hammond of Middlebury, C. R. Jones of Hubbardston, S. G. Holyoke of St. Albans, F. D. Barton of Waltham, C. R. Withers of Cornwall, D. P. Hare of Shelburne, J. W. Buel of Orwell, J. E. Dewey of Middlebury, A. J. Stowe, W. C. Sturtevant and E. S. Wright of Weybridge; C. W. Mason, Geo. Barton, S. D. Doud and S. B. M. Cowles of New Haven; D. C. Smith and E. T. Goff of West Addison, Chas. Sanford of Orwell. The meeting was called to order, by W. C. Smith, president. The auditors' report was called for, and was read as follows:

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Balance on hand Jan. 21, 1885, \$708 56
Cash received during year from membership fees, recording books, sale of stock record books, notices and all other sources, 721 66
Amount including balance in treasury \$1530 22
Expenses:
Printing, 15 00
Postage and stationery, 41 60
Entry fees returned, 12 10
Cuts for the Register, 30 00
Secretary's salary, 700 00
Pedigree committee, 9 00
Executive board, 27 75
Total, \$850 45

Leaving balance in hands of treasurer, \$680 77
Due association, 803 74
130 stock record books, 130 00
89 transfer cards, 10 00
1 seal, 10 00
1 safe, 225 00
Leaving assets of club, no debts, \$1843 51

HENRY THORP, Auditors.
F. D. BARTON, Secretary.

The report was adopted, as was that of the secretary which was next heard. It was as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Owing to our fiscal year being from one annual meeting to the other, it is almost impossible to prepare a satisfactory report in advance, owing to the many changes, and I have been in the habit of writing my report just before the annual meeting. Owing to sickness my report was not made out until the evening before this meeting, and I trust you will excuse its brevity.

Eleven applications for membership have been made during the past year. Five have been recorded. Six are awaiting the decision of the committee on pedigrees and the executive board. Three have withdrawn from the society, leaving the present membership 151. There are 36 members that have not returned their dues for 1885, and three for 1884. There have been some important changes made in the rules. (They are eight or more in number, and while they were submitted to the society, they were not deemed advisable to put them in print until perfected.) Some three hundred pages of the Register have been printed, and the remainder of the manuscript is nearly ready for the printer. Ten days will be required to complete it.

Geo. Hammond, Sec.

The next business in order was the appointment of a committee on nominations. On motion the chair appointed D. C. Smith, C. W. Mason and J. W. Buel. They promptly reported the following list of elective officers: For president, W. C. Smith; vice-presidents, F. D. Barton, R. J. Jones; directors, Henry Thorp, S. G. Holyoke, C. M. Winslow. On motion the secretary cast the ballot of the club for the above list of officers for the ensuing year. No business was transacted after the different reports were adopted and the election of officers concluded. Several inquiries were made of the secretary respecting the working of the proposed new rules, after which, there being no further business, the club, on motion, adjourned sine die. Subsequently the executive board made the following appointments: Secretary and treasurer, Geo. Hammond; pedigree committee: D. B. Buel, W. H. DeLong, C. W. Mason.

OBITUARY.

REV. DR. H. S. HUDSON.

The death of this distinguished Shakespearean scholar took place suddenly at his home in Cambridge, Mass., Saturday, from the effects of a surgical operation. The deceased was a native of Cornwall and was 72 years of age. In his youth he came to Middlebury and learned the wheelwright trade with Dea. Ira Allen, then in business here. It was soon discovered that he was a man of more than ordinary capacity, and with the assistance of funds provided by an education society he went through college, graduating in the class of 1840, among his classmates being the late Julius A. Beckwith of this town and Hon. E. J. Phelps. After graduating he went West and taught. It was there that he began lecturing on Shakespeare. One day he turned up in Cincinnati, O., where his classmate Beckwith was, and fell in with him. Both of them were in financial straits, but Hudson had nothing, he borrowed a few dollars of his friend, told him that he had a lecture on Shakespeare which he proposed giving with a view to bettering his condition, and started off. In a few weeks he returned with a well-filled purse, repaid the loan and came East, and settled in Boston, "where," says an exchange, "he began lecturing upon his favorite subject, and became intimate with many leaders in literary society. He entered the Protestant Episcopal church as a deacon, edited denominational periodicals several years, and for two years (1858-60) was rector of the church in Litchfield, Conn. In 1861 his first edition of Shakespeare's plays appeared, and this was the first time the poet's text had been edited in this country. For three years during the war Mr. Hudson served as chaplain in the regiment of New York volunteer engineers. He was put under arrest and afterward published a pamphlet

entitled 'A Chaplain's Campaign with Gen. Butler,' in which he was very severe upon the general. Since 1863 Mr. Hudson has lived in Cambridge, and though he has frequently officiated in parish churches on Sundays, the most of his time has been devoted to the teaching of Shakespeare and other English authors. He has published many works. The Harvard edition of Shakespeare was his latest work of prominence. Personally Mr. Hudson was a man of marked peculiarities. He cared little for the opinions of others where they were at variance with his own, and he had the courage of his convictions to a greater degree than almost any other man of his time. In appearance he was thought to resemble Carlyle."

MRS. ELIZABETH ATWOOD BASS.

The Congregationalist announces the death in Sandwich, Mass., on the 20th of December, of Elizabeth Atwood, wife of Wm. M. Bass, M. D., daughter of Deacon Atwood of Plymouth, Mass. The deceased is well remembered by many Middlebury people. A correspondent of the paper mentioned pays this tribute to her memory: "Many will remember her in the beauty and grace of youth, many in the maturity of womanhood, presiding over a liberal and hospitable home, yet others, and a far larger number, as a dear friend, gentle and loving, with quick sympathy in their joy or sorrow. In her early religious experiences doubt was a disturbing quality, merged ere long in the peace and hope of entire reliance on the perfect righteousness of her Saviour. As a Christian her character was tested by many trials. She could say, 'Three

—green graves are mine,
This is God's gift to me;
A bleeding, fainting, broken heart—
This is my gift to Thee.

In new scenes, where the providence of God ordered new homes for her, she was patient, hopeful, cheerful, desiring to be in reality the Christian she was in name.

After weary years of varied physical suffering, tended by loving hands with ceaseless care, ever the loyal wife, true mother, self-forgetting to the last degree, in the secret, calm trust, which made all sorrow or pain but the voice of the Master, whom she loved, the earthly life was ended—the heavenly life began. Very precious to many hearts beyond the bounds of her own home is the memory of this dear wife, mother, friend."

MISS MARY AVERY.

DIED.—In Wallingford, Dec. 28, of consumption, at the home of her brother, Dr. John Avery, Miss Mary Avery of Salisbury, aged about thirty years.

Deceased was the daughter of the late Elijah Avery of Salisbury, formerly of Brandon. The funeral service was held at Salisbury, conducted by Rev. S. B. Giddings, pastor of the Congregational church. Miss Avery was much esteemed in the circle of her acquaintance. Delicate and sensitive, yet possessing much energy, she honored her vocation, that of teaching, gracing all her relations in life as daughter, sister and friend, and will be mourned not only by those nearest and dearest, but by many outside the family circle. She was buried in Brandon's new cemetery, beside her father and mother. She left a dear only brother and family to mourn her, and another who had nobly sustained toward her the relation of mother in place of one who had "gone before." Between the mother and daughter-in-law had grown a warm friendship, based on mutual respect and kindness, aided by true Christian grace. The mother will sadly miss the words and sympathy from the young brave heart, that had cheered her through many trials and sorrows. The draped gallery and knots of crape worn by the choir, of which she was a member, are the silent expression of grief by her young associates at the loss of one of their number who was so much beloved by all.

BENJAMIN S. FIELD.

One who signs himself "A Life-long Friend" sends this tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Field:

The death of Benjamin S. Field of Cornwall, which recently occurred, has set free a pure and gentle spirit, has stilled a noble and kind heart, always overflowing with sympathy for the afflicted and sorrowful. His sphere of activities was limited to the farm, which always was his place of abode, and the surrounding country neighborhood. But quite as often here as in the crowded city, although with much less opportunity for their acts to become heralded, may be found kind and loving souls whose lives are literally poured out in toil, activity, care and unselfish concern for the good and well-being of others. Such is well known to have been fundamental in the life and character of the subject of this notice by all who came within the range of his influence. The garment of righteousness, justice, mercy and loving-kindness was his every-day dress—was not borrowed—was a legitimate heritage, and he wore it unostentatiously, but gracefully and regally as a king. With a consciousness of rectitude, which a fully developed and rounded manhood only can inspire, with more than three-score years in which to solve life's problems and fathom its mysteries he feared no evil; but with calm trust in God, as the loving Father who doeth all things well and for the good of all his children, he welcomed death as his messenger of relief, and, as to a friend for whom he had patiently waited, yielded his spirit to its loving and grateful embrace and was at rest.

GEORGINA (EVERTS) PECK.

Georgina (Everts) Peck, wife of Martin M. Peck, died at her home in Cornwall on Wednesday, Jan. 13. She was the only daughter of Samuel and Elvira (Williamson) Everts and was born in Cornwall, Jan. 31, 1843. She was married Jan. 16, 1866. This death falls with peculiar weight upon the united family of father and son-in-law, since to a degree that is rare in life, the husband and wife were of the same blood. The only brother of the deceased, Sergt. Linus Everts, enlisted early in the war of the Rebellion, served his country bravely and loyally, crowning his service with the sacrifice of his life, Jan. 19, 1862. The mother, a noble Christian woman, whose memory is precious wherever she was known, died Nov. 1882. The surviving members of the family are the father, Samuel Everts, the husband, Martin M. Peck, and the son, Linus Everts Peck, all members of the Congregational church. Of them it may be truly said, they "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." For twenty-eight years Mrs. Peck had been a member of the Congregational church in Cornwall and had adorned her profession by a constant and devoted life. She loved her church. She enjoyed the services of the Lord's day, entered heartily into the work of the Sunday school, and none delighted more in the meetings of the church for prayer and Christian conference. Few Bibles show more abundant proofs of constant and appreciative study than the one which has been her life-chart for many years. It is but a natural sequence that such a genuine Christian life should have been crowned by a calm, peaceful and trustful close.

During her long and painful sickness she was bright and cheerful; always tenderly thoughtful of others; always ready to speak gratefully of the goodness of God, and the kindness of those who found it a pleasure to minister in any way to her comfort. From her earliest entrance upon her Master's ser-

vice, she suffered not her light to shine dimly, but it glowed more and more brightly as the trial of her faith became more severe. At the last, her sun went down undimmed by cloud or mist. M. C. S.
Cornwall, Vt., Jan. 20, 1886.

MARY HAD A LITTLE KID.

Mary had a little black-eyed kid,
An orphan—cousin—brought up by hand;
Whatever he saw that Mary did,
Try that feat that dear kid was bound.
But would climb any tree, yes he would butt
And one day pitched Mary in the pond—
But eating was the kid's strongest point.
And of farts and stumps alike was fond.
Sometimes he would try a tempting shoe,
An apron—string or tomato can,
Or old hoop skirt; anything would do
For this sportive young barbarian.
Poor Dick's eyes with wonder opened wide
When Mary took some stick and opened
So he snatched the vial by her side
And lapped the drops before he stopped.
Bounding out of doors when feeling well,
Mary found Dick sullen on the grass;—
Because he liked its taste and smell,
He ate the cork and munched broken glass.

MARKETS.

ST. ALBANS PRODUCE.
The attendance was good, receipts light and market dull at St. Albans Tuesday, and prices about the same as last week. Winter made butter, 22 to 25 cents; butter made from new milk, 25 to 28 cents; some choice dairies bringing a higher figure. Butter shipment 175 tubs. Eggs, 20 cents for held stock and 25 for strictly fresh.

BOSTON PRODUCE.
For the better grades of butter there is a good demand and values of all kinds are steady. The sales of Northern creamery at 27 to 28c, choice at 25 to 26c, and good to choice at 17 to 22 1/2 c. Western creamery at 32 to 33c for extra, 27 to 30c for choice and 15 to 20c for good to choice. Extra Northern dairy sells at 22 to 23c, and choice at 18 to 19c; Western dairy at 18 to 22c for choice, and 10 to 13c for fair to good; imitation creamery at 22 to 25c for extra and 15 to 18c for good to choice. Cheese is firm and meets with a fair demand, and we quote extra at 10 to 10 1/2c, choice at 9 to 9 1/2c, and common to good at 8 to 8 1/2c. Eggs are steady, and we quote extra Eastern at 20 to 27c, fancy at 25 to 28c, New York and Vermont at 29c, Western fresh at 25 to 30c and Michigan at 26 to 27c. Beans are quiet and steady, and we quote Vermont at \$1.00 to \$1.05, New York at \$1.50 to \$1.60 and medium at \$1.50 to \$1.55, including hand-picked. Canada Peas are in moderate demand at 8c to 8 1/2c bush, as to quality. Potatoes are steady, and we quote Rose at 70 to 80c, Hebrons at 60 to 70c bush and sweet at \$1.75 to \$2.75 per bush. Dried apples are in better demand and selling at 2 to 3 1/2 c. Green apples are firm, and No. 1 Baldwins are quoted at \$1.75 to \$2.00 per bush. Poultry is in larger receipt and easier, with sales of choice Northern and Eastern turkeys at 14 to 15c, and Western at 13 to 14c per lb.

BOSTON WOOL.

The market is rather quiet for both domestic and foreign, but prices are firm and unchanged.

WATERBURY LIVE STOCK.

Amount of Live Stock at Market.
This week, 1139 Sheep and Lambs, 10,469 Swine.
Last week, 949 3504 7,072
Two weeks ago, 961 4529 5,150
Year ago, Jan. 20, 1146 4565 14,055

Number from the several States.

	Sheep	Lambs	Calves	Swine
Maine	311	83	28	...
New Hampshire	127	725	84	...
Vermont	250	1908	119	...
Massachusetts	32	385	25	...
New York	78	215
Western	336	10,455
Total	1139	3914	317	10,469

Number of cars over different roads—Boston and Lowell 32; Boston and Albany 2; Fitchburg 29; Eastern 29; total 92.

Prices of Market Beef—Extra \$7.75; first quality \$7.25; second quality \$5.00; third quality \$4.00.

Prices of Store Cattle—Working Oxen \$4 pair from \$100 to \$185; Farrow Cows \$15 to \$30; Fancy Cows \$50 to \$80; Milch Cows and Calves from \$25 to \$48; yearlings \$10 to \$18; two years old \$14 to \$28; three years old \$24 to \$40.

Swine—Western fat live 14 to 15c. Northern dressed Hogs 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 c.

Prices of Sheep and Lambs—in lots, \$2.25 to \$3.00; each, extra \$5.00 to \$5.25, or from 2 1/2 to 5 1/4 c.

Veal Calves 2 1/2 to 3 1/4 c.

Prices of Hides, Tallow and Skins—Brighton Hides 8 to 8 1/2 c; Brighton Tallow 4 to 4 1/2 c; Country Hides 7 to 7 1/2 c; Country Tallow 3 to 3 1/2 c; Calf Skins 11c to 12c; Pelts 7c to 11.5c each; Selected \$1.25 to 1.50; Dairy Skins 50 to 75c each.

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STATE OF VERMONT, District of Middlebury.

Be it remembered, that at a session of the Probate Court held at Middlebury, within and for said district on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1886.

Present: Hon. Lyman E. Knapp, Judge.

Whereas, a certain instrument in writing, under seal, purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles S. Cutting, late of Orwell, in said district, deceased, having been this day presented to said Court of Probate and found to conform to the provisions of the act in that behalf relating to the same, it is ordered, that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, be notified to appear before said court, at the Probate office in Middlebury, in said district, on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1886, at 10 o'clock, a. m., by publication of this order three weeks successively previous thereto, in the Middlebury Register, a newspaper printed at Middlebury, aforesaid, to show cause, if any they may have, why said instrument in writing should not be proved and allowed, as the last will and testament of the said deceased.

LYMAN E. KNAPP, Judge.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—Estate of Benjamin S. Field, dec.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Addison, Commissioners, to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons claiming the estate of Benjamin S. Field, late of Cornwall, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purposes aforesaid, at the late dwelling house of deceased on the 6th day of February and 3rd day of July next, from 10 o'clock a. m. until 3 o'clock, p. m., each of said days, and that six months from the 11th day of January, A. D. 1886, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance. Dated at Cornwall, this 11th day of January, A. D. 1886. WM. R. REMELE, HENRY LANE, Comm.

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